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January 27, 2016

Hon. Paul A. Crotty United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Chambers 1350 New York, NY 10007

RE: Government Employees Insurance Company, et al. v.

W.R. Grace & Co. Asbestos Personal Injury Trust, et al.,

No. 14 CV 1700

Dear Judge Crotty:

We are writing on behalf of Plaintiffs Government Employees Insurance Company, Starr Indemnity and Liability Company (as successor in interest to Republic Insurance Company), and AXA Belgium (as successor to Royale Belge) (collectively "Plaintiffs").

We write in response to the Order of Dismissal entered on January 27, 2016. Pursuant to the Consent Order entered by the Court on June 26, 2014, it was the Plaintiffs' understanding that the above-referenced action was placed on the Court's suspense docket at the request of all parties. See Consent Order dated June 26, 2014 attached hereto as Exhibit A. Since the Consent Order was entered, the parties have considered certain confidential settlement proposals and have not re-activated the litigation to date in light of such considerations.

At this time, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Clerk of the Court refrain from terminating the case and/or that the above-referenced action be reinstated and placed back on the suspense docket (or reinstated and placed on the Court's active docket) as soon as possible. The undersigned will provide a more detailed update to the Court regarding the status of this matter shortly.

Should Your Honor have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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Very truly yours,

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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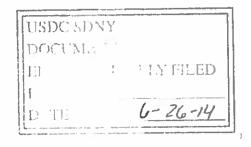
AXA BELGIUM (as successor to Royale Belge); GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INSURANCE COMPANY; STARR INDEMNITY & LIABILITY COMPANY (as successor in interest to Republic Insurance Company),

Plaintiffs,

- against -

WRG ASBESTOS PLTRUST; DOE INSURERS 1-50.

Defendants.



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EREPOSED CONSENT ORDER

Defendant WRG Asbestos PI Trust (the "PI Trust"), by its attorneys, having respectfully requested by letter dated June 25, 2014 that the Court place this action on its suspense calendar, and with the consent of Plaintiffs AXA Belgium (as successor to Royale Belge), Government Employees Insurance Company, and Starr Indemnity & Liability Company (as successor in interest to Republic Insurance Company) (collectively "Plaintiffs"), by their attorneys, it is hereby

#### ORDERED that:

- 1. The above-captioned matter, Index No. 14 CV 1700 (PAC), be placed on the Court's suspense docket until a further request from Plaintiffs or the PI Trust to reactivate this matter; and
- 2. The briefing schedule for the PI Trust's requested motion to dismiss this matter be adjourned indefinitely.

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June 25, 2014

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United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Chambers 1350
New York, New York 10007

Re: AXA Belgium, et al. v. WRG Asbestos PI Trust, et al.,

No. 14 CV 1700 (PAC)

Dear Judge Crotty:

We represent Defendant the WRG Asbestos P! Trust.

With the consent of Plaintiffs Government Employees Insurance Company, Starr Indemnity & Liability Company (as successor in interest to Republic Insurance Company), and AXA Belgium (as successor to Royale Belge), we respectfully submit this letter to advise the Court that the parties intend to submit a consent order seeking to suspend, defer, or otherwise stay the above matter in lieu of Defendant's scheduled motion to dismiss based upon ripeness.

During the pre-motion conference of May 30, 2014, our understanding was that Your Honor would be amenable to placing the matter on a deferred/suspense calendar but would not do so without the consent of all the parties. We were advised by Plaintiffs' counsel, Eileen T. McCabe, Esq. and Britt A. Eilhardt, Esq. of Mendes & Mount, LLP, that Plaintiffs would be willing to consent to a stay. They are copied on this letter.

In connection therewith, prior to the upcoming June 30, 2014 deadline to file Defendant's motion to dismiss, the parties jointly will submit a proposed consent order placing this matter on a deferred/suspense calendar.

Furthermore, as a result of the anticipated stay, we respectfully request that Defendant's motion to dismiss indefinitely be adjourned in anticipation of such motion becoming most as a result of the consent order. No previous adjournment has been requested in connection with the scheduling order.

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We thank the Court for its consideration and welcome any directions or comments the Court may wish to provide.

Respectfully submitted,

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